

CHAPTER NO. 505

HOUSE BILL NO. 1564

By Representative Walley

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1834

By Senator Graves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 11, Part 2 relative to licensure of psychologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-206(e)(1), is amended by deleting subdivisions (D), (E), (F), and (G) in their entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-206, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (h):

(h)(1) A limited license to practice as a psychologist with the designation as a health service provider may be issued by the board of examiners in psychology to an applicant who has successfully completed the academic and internship requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-208(c)(3) and (d)(1)(A), and who is to be engaged in a one (1) year post-doctoral experience required by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-208(2)(A). Such limited license will allow the applicant to perform the functions specified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-203 and Section 63-11-208(d)(2)(B), under the qualified supervision of a psychologist acceptable to the board licensed in Tennessee with designation as a health service provider in good standing.

(2) In order for the limited license to remain valid, the licensee must take and pass the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) at the level set for licensure as a psychologist in Tennessee within one (1) year of the issuance of the limited license unless the applicant previously passed the EPPP at that level. The second failure of the EPPP after the issuance of the limited license shall result in its revocation.

(3) In order for the limited license to remain valid, the licensee must take and pass the oral and/or jurisprudence examination developed by the board within two (2) years of the issuance of the limited license. The second failure of the oral and/or jurisprudence examination will result in revocation of the limited license.

(4) The board may consider petitions of the licensee regarding extraordinary circumstances which would necessitate delay in taking the written or oral examination.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-211(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (5):

(b)(5) The board may, upon prior written request, grant written authorization for a psychologist licensed in good standing in another state and who meets standards acceptable to the board to perform the functions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 63-11-203 and 63-11-208(d)(2)(B), without

possessing a license to practice as a psychologist in Tennessee when under the supervision of a Tennessee licensed psychologist in good standing. Such authorizations shall not exceed thirty (30) days per year. Such authorization shall be for such purposes as special training or consultation, special evaluation and/or intervention, and serving as an expert witness. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit regular, repetitive or ongoing provision of psychological services or supervision of psychological services or for the solicitation or advertisement of services to the general public.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following section to be appropriately designated:

Section _____. Community Mental Health Centers as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-1-101(23), institutes, or governmental agencies and those qualifying psychologists employing psychologists with temporary or provisional licenses shall be eligible to receive third party reimbursement from any managed care plan or third party payor for usual and customary professional services rendered by the employed psychologist with a provisional or temporary license.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 26, 1999



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 15th day of July 1999



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